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see note.

Request [] to assist
in recruiting Albanian
speakers for use at the safe
houses.

Arrange conference for []

[] J. C. [] []
[] Communications man.

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MEMORANDUM OF BGFIEND MEETING, 15 DECEMBER 1949

Mr. Roosevelt

We are waiting word from the British on the results of the trial run of the ship to be used for propaganda purposes, agreement on the policy paper by the Foreign Office, and whether or not Klagenfurt can be used as an air base.

[] and [] will meet in Germany shortly after January 1 to take up with Mr. McCloy and the American Zone authorities the question of establishing in the Zone a camp for Albanians. A paper covering the general aspects of the camp has been prepared but the details have to be worked out before Mr. McCloy is approached.

[] regards the question of the means of ingress of the Albanians into Germany as the major one. [] however, said he thought it could be done with comparative ease through the IRO if the U.S. Zone authorities agree to the establishment of such a camp.

[] raised the question of whether or not wives and children would be included in the camp and it was agreed that it would be preferable to have a few in order to strengthen the cover story of the camp having been established by the Albanian Committee in order to have a place for these people until they can be resettled somewhere. It was agreed that a figure of 300 as a maximum would be given to Mr. McCloy, with the hope that the Committee actually would succeed in resettling some of these people and the turn-over would permit bringing in additional men for use as agents if it becomes necessary. As IRO is attempting to wind up its activities it is almost essential that the camp be established ostensibly by the Committee.

[] asked what the effect on other National Committees would be and whether all the others would not also wish to have help in setting up such a camp. [] pointed out that we would

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eventually have to get into the business of assistance of the welfare authorities in Germany and Austria to these refugees anyway. He suggested that Mr. McCloy could say the Albanian problem is so small it could be solved by setting up this camp in the American Zone; in any case most of the other refugees are already in Germany or Austria.

[] asked what would be done with the Albanians not used in FIEND. [] said that the Committee should be really interested in their resettlement and should work out the method of doing this.

[] reported that the communications people had informed him that they can provide personnel to train our agents in Morse and felt sure that facilities already existing in Germany can be used for such training.

[] brought up the need to locate safe houses in Germany to which the agents would be taken from the camp. [] raised the question of training staffs at these safe houses and it was agreed that two instructors would be sufficient. However [] and [] will be too busy with other matters to undertake this in addition. [] said he felt sure we could get assistance from Army officers in Germany in this training if we could provide translators. It was agreed that [] should be asked to help in getting Albanian speaking men to act as translators.

[] asked where we would obtain weapons and ammunition if we should need them. [] said some was already available in Greece.

[] have [] said he thought that we should/W/T to back up the Motorolas in case they turn out not to work too well. In this way we can be sure of adequate communications at all times. He suggested that the receiving station be [] and be the same as the communications base for the propaganda boat.

[] said that we need a boat in addition to the propaganda vessel and suggested a MTV-type boat. [] said that there is one for sale in Cannes that belongs to a British woman. Unlike most of these boats it still has the high-speed engines. The owner is asking about \$16,000 for it.

[] asked what administrative people we would need at the camp in Germany. He suggested that it would take five people to run it. [] suggested that [] could be used at this camp. [] He said he thought we could get Halil Maci from the IRO any time we wanted to but his use might raise political complications with the other Albanians. [] said he thought the less the Committee had to

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do with the camp the better and suggested we could curtail their contact with the camp through visa difficulties when necessary.

[] asked whether we would be faced with the problem of the infiltration teams wanting to see their chiefs before they will go into the country. [] said in most cases there was a person who could act for the leader, such as Petrit Kupa for Abas Kupa.

[] asked about the possibility of seeking out the Ballist leader still in Albania and getting him out of the country. [] said that the British are trying to get to him now and will advise us when they make contact with him.

The status of [] was raised and it was decided [] should be asked to settle this matter with State at the earliest possible moment.

[] said he thought we should be in a position soon to put small amounts of arms into Albania.

It was agreed that a conference should be arranged between

[] and someone from Communications.

[] is anxious to return [] on 17 December.

NOTE: [] advises that he is today writing a memorandum to Mr. Smith at the State Department confirming an oral request that [] be placed on 60 days temporary duty with us. Mr. Smith has agreed orally to this and it will be done as soon as he receives the written request. [] will probably be available by January 1.

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